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SOFTWARE OPERATION WITHIN A

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REQUEST FOR EX PARTE REEXAMINATION

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	b.	Claim 1.a: "selecting a program residing in the volatile memory,"	
	c.	Claim 1.b: "using an agent to set up a verification structure in the erasable, non-volatile memory of the BIOS, the verification structure accommodating data that includes at least one license record,"	
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